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Back-to-Back Council Hearings Are Held on Election Reform

by Bay Woods

The Greenbelt City Council began what promises to be the final round of public hearings to address the voting rights controversy that began in February 2008 when the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) wrote a letter to the city threatening legal action unless the city addressed the lack of minority representation on council. In June a year ago more than 100 people attended the first hearing on this issue.

But the first meeting of this final round, held at the Springhill Lake Community Center on April 28, suggests that the process would end like T.S. Eliot’s world: not with a bang but a whimper. This third round of meetings was intended to further address the possibility of changing election dates to coincide with state and national elections and to hear testimony regarding the option of

expanding the number of councilmembers from five to seven.

Were this option already in place, council would have outnumbered residents attending the meeting by three rather than one. That is, not including this reporter and another journalist, only four citizens were present at the meeting.

In addition to council and other staff members, the city had two legal representatives on hand. Nevertheless, the city was unable to answer the only question asked by a Greenbelt citizen when Bill Orleans asked if the city was prepared to provide an update on the cost of the hearing process.

At the last meeting, City Manager Michael McLaughlin had announced that the city had already spent more than \$70,000 on this issue. But on this occasion McLaughlin said he could not provide a figure; he promised to produce the information at a future meeting.

Higher Turnout

The second meeting on this subject, held the next night, April 29, in the all-purpose room at the Community Center in historic Greenbelt, had a higher turnout. Twelve residents were present as the mayor began the meeting at 7 p.m. It would be followed by a budget hearing at 8 p.m.

Bill Orleans was the first to speak, again asking McLaughlin for an update on the cost of this issue. McLaughlin said the figure was still unavailable. “Presumably it is more than last hearing?” Orleans asked. McLaughlin agreed that it was.

David Lange spoke next. He said the city needed to “get down to the basic point of diversity on council.” Although “expansion wouldn’t necessarily address diversity,” he said, he still supported that position. He said the group “Greenbelt

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Council Discusses Budget, Peace Month, Other Issues

by Barbara Hopkins

At its meeting on April 27, the Greenbelt City Council introduced a new ordinance, voted on changing the celebration of Peace Month, recessed the meeting for a short time to hold the first of two public hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 budget and addressed other items of city business. Most of the meeting was consumed with an update on renovations at Empirian Village apartments (see News Review, April 30).

Budget Hearing

When the public was invited to speak about the proposed budget, David Lange came forward with concerns from the Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance, a group with a mission to promote “communication and cooperation among all who live, work, play or enjoy being in Greenbelt.” Lange questioned whether the budget would be sufficient to cover expenditures his group supports, such as publicity about changes to the

city charter for a revised elections procedure, voter outreach efforts and education about city services and government. He also suggested that since projections are that the city’s fiscal situation most likely will be better in FY10 than in subsequent years when real estate assessments may be lowered, it would be a good year to make capital expenditures for long-term purchases, such as event banners and installation poles for the western and eastern parts of the city and materials of an unchanging nature for welcome packages for new residents.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the increase to the election budget nearly doubles the amount allotted in the recent past, which he thought would be adequate. He said the amount was based on the city’s past expenditures for elections.

Mayor Judith Davis said

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City Council Meets in Lounge Of New Public Works Building

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council, meeting for the first time in the employees’ lounge of the new Public Works building in order to review that department’s budget for the upcoming fiscal year, found little to discuss in the way of change in the \$3,000,000 plus proposal. The most significant possible change is adding hours to the schedule of the Greenbelt Connection, the city dial-a-ride bus service. All council members were present as were city staff and Public Works staff. Only one resident was present.

The budget presents the department’s activity accounts in the order of their established account numbers, which follow the Maryland uniform code of accounts. The bus budget, classified as a miscellaneous city account, was last to be considered. The proposed budget is \$89,500. Fares are estimated to generate \$5,900 in revenues with other city funds paying the remainder of costs. Seniors and handicapped persons pay \$1.00 and all others \$2.00 a ride. Through grant funds the city gets its bus at little cost but has to pay for its operation and maintenance and for its drivers.

The budget proposed by City Manager Michael McLaughlin does not propose any change in service. However, the city is scheduled to receive a new 12-passenger bus from the county and is attempting to keep the old bus as well.

At council’s request Director of Public Works Kenny Hall prepared a memorandum estimating costs to expand bus service under three options. Option 1 would provide Saturday service between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at a cost of \$7,000. Option 2 would add nighttime service to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day and evening service Saturday at a cost of \$19,500. Option 3 would operate both the dial-a-ride and a fixed-route service between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and require two buses. Its additional cost, a very rough estimate, would be \$186,000 a year plus a new \$100,000 bus. Hall noted that to run a bus along a fixed route covering all major streets in Greenbelt would take more than an hour.

Councilmember Leta Mach expressed concern that any expansion in city service should not compete with existing bus service. Councilmember Rodney Roberts wished that the city could obtain the amount of money the county spends on The Bus service in Greenbelt so that the city could operate its own service at less cost. William Orleans, the lone resident, suggested that early morning service was needed on Saturdays and would not compete with Metro service, which doesn’t start until 8 a.m.

Davis requested that Options 1 and 2 plus expanded Sunday service plus starting service at 6

a.m. be added to council’s wish list. Wish list items will be rediscussed at the final council budget worksession and, if supported by councilmembers, could become additions to the budget.

Davis asked about getting the University of Maryland bus system to take on Greenbelt passengers not connected with the university. McLaughlin said that the City of College Park had gotten special legislation to permit its residents to use that bus service and staff was waiting to see how that was working out during the first six months before suggesting that Greenbelt residents also get access to the service.

Waste Collection

Collection fees to residents are proposed to go up \$3.00 a quarter to \$60. This fee still compares favorably to the fees charged by other area jurisdictions but is more than that charged by a private collector serving some of Greenbelt’s condominiums. The city also charges a \$27 recycling fee to some developments within the city that do not get recycling from the private collector serving the area. Greenbelt refuse and recycling service is optional among developments and is provided mostly to individual and cooperative homes.

It was noted that Belle Pointe community had chosen to use a private collector. Councilmember

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GHI Annual Meeting Is Scheduled for May 21, 22

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) has been scheduled for May 21 and 22. On Thursday, May 21 the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. After the meeting has been recessed voting can take place in the meeting room and also May 22 at the GHI office from 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Meeting Topics

Several committees will give reports. The GHI Building Committee will report on its progress in planning energy-efficient upgrades to GHI homes. The Communications Committee will be surveying members on plans to reorganize the GHI website. Committees will have display tables set up and the Woodlands Committee will give away free plants native to this region.

A member petition to reduce

the size of the GHI board will be on the agenda for action.

The city’s recycling coordinator will speak about changes in the city’s recycling program.

A new award will be presented. The President’s Award will be given for exceptional volunteer service that has far reaching, long-term benefit for GHI.

Candidates

Candidates for the five two-year openings on the GHI Board of Directors and candidates for the three places on the annually elected Audit Committee will make brief presentations at the meeting.

Members of the Nominations and Elections Committee will be elected during the meeting.

It is not too late to decide to run for one of the elected

See **GHI MEETING**, page 6

What Goes On

Saturday, May 9
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between the Municipal Building and the Community Center
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pet Expo, Greenbelt Community Center
Monday, May 11
8 p.m., City Council Meeting/ACE Student Awards/Legislative Update, Municipal Building
Wednesday, May 13
7:30 p.m., City Council Budget Worksession re: Green Ridge House, at Green Ridge House
Thursday, May 14
7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Board Room
Friday, May 15
7:30 p.m., GHI Candidates Forum, Municipal Building

Editorial

Changing the Election Is Not the Answer

We think current and past city councils have made good efforts to consider and try to represent the interests of the various populations and areas of our city. While the current council, all members of which have been reelected more than once, does not reflect the diversity of the community as it exists today, we do not believe that this circumstance results from an election process that discriminates or denies participation to any individual or group.

However, at the urging of the NAACP and the ACLU, councilmembers have been considering changes to the election procedures. Council now indicates it will make changes to the city charter in one or two respects but will not now consider any other alternatives. They are: (1) change the election date to be held at the same time as the state and federal elections and/or (2) increase the size of council from five to seven members. We do not believe either proposal is likely to achieve greater diversity within the city council.

We believe that changing the election date will do more harm than good and we therefore strongly oppose that proposal.

While more people may vote if city elections are combined with state and federal elections, we believe that Greenbelt election issues will get lost among the greater issues put forth at those elections. Such a situation can lead to city elections being decided on issues not related to city government.

Changing the election date may also blur the distinction between the partisan general election and the non-partisan municipal election, where the Hatch Act, prohibiting the partisan actions of civil servants, does not apply. (The city has benefited through the years from the expertise of civil servants willing to take on this additional civic responsibility.) City campaigns may also become tied into partisan political slates whose issues have nothing to do with how government should be run at the local level.

We believe it would be more difficult for unknown candidates to win were the council election moved to coincide with the general election, making it more difficult to protect minority interests. Greenbelt councilmembers should be responsible to the Greenbelt electorate and not to county, state or national political parties.

On the other hand we see less harm in adding two or more members to the city council and see some potential for its accomplishing good. Two added voices could bring new points of view to council meetings. Increasing council membership could provide an opportunity for newcomers to the political scene to increase their chances to be elected and not be overwhelmed by better-known candidates. These newcomers could better reflect the diversity of our community.

However, such a benefit would exist for only one time since after that the contest will again pit better known incumbents against the challengers. Further, it is not easy to find five persons dedicated to the hours required to govern this city, let alone seven.

Enlarging the council may not increase council's diversity. In recent elections, no minority candidates have sought office. Without minority candidates standing for election, the city would end up with a larger council that still does not reflect Greenbelt's diverse makeup.

To achieve that goal requires a greater effort to involve those residents currently not participating in city affairs.

Green Man Seeks Input at Festival

Come "Journey with Green Man" at the Green Man Festival on Saturday, May 9 from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the Sense of Wonder tent at Roosevelt Center. The Green Man, who represents humanity's oneness with the natural world, is eager to spend time with parents and children so that the kids can show him "where on earth" they live.

The Green Man does not speak, so he helps humans use all the senses and engage in other modes of communication with nature. He is not familiar with human culture but curious to know how we live in this place. Children will introduce him to local plants, animals and distinctive features of the landscape.

The Green Man won't classify what is found but he will use all his senses to discover nature's local secrets. Tom Godridge is the Green Man and has performed with people of all ages at schools, gardens and seasonal celebrations. His mission is to welcome humans home to Earth.

For more information call 301-775-5368.

Food, Climate Change Are Topic of Talk

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will present a talk at the Greenbelt Community Center on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. entitled "What Does Food Have To Do With Climate Change?" Greenbelters Martha Tomecek, a plant physiologist, and her husband Michel Cavigelli, a soil scientist, will relate their work as scientists, studying the effects of elevated carbon dioxide on plants and soil to the practical challenge of growing one's own food locally. Martha is a member of Kitchen Gardeners International and is a garden captain for one of the Greenbelt Community Gardens.

After the presentation, representatives of local organizations which promote sustainable food will speak briefly. The evening is co-sponsored by GCAN, Simplicity Matters Earth Institute and CHEARS.

For more information email Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or call 301-345-2234.

Computer Club Meets May 14


The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its May meeting on Thursday, May 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 103. Everyone is welcome.

Grin Belt



"A lei of oak leaves and acorns for dear mother"

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, May 14, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 11 & 13 Laurel Hill Road
- 2009 Underground Utility Contract – 1st Reading
- 1st Quarter Financial Statements
- Strategic Plan Update
- Topics for Stakeholder Meeting
- Compressed Work Week Evaluation
- Board Self Assessment
- Two Year Profit Limitation – M.O.C. Change

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

Letters to the Editor

THANKS!

Thanks to all who donated blood on May 1 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross continue its service in the face of the nation's severe blood shortage.

The next scheduled blood drive is Tuesday, June 30 at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal

Building. Those who have not been contacted by the Red Cross are asked to call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment. Walk-in will be accepted to fill spaces for people who do not appear for their appointments.

Janet Goldberg,
Recreation Coordinator

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 4 through May 8 include:

Monday – Cranberry juice, chicken patty on wheat roll with mustard, corn O’Brien, diced carrots, fresh melon.

Tuesday – Navy bean soup, meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, okra and tomatoes, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Orange juice, oven-fried pollock fish with tartar sauce, home-fried potatoes, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp.

Thursday – Tomato soup, turkey salad, corn salad, cole slaw, sliced peaches.

Friday – Apple juice, roast beef with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, nectarine.

GHI Notes

Tuesday, May 12, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library

7 p.m., Sustainable Design Practices Committee – Board Room

Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m., Marketing Committee – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee – GHI Library

Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, May 15, Offices Closed

Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., GHI Annual Community Yard Sale – GHI office grounds on Hamilton Place

Monday, May 18, 6:45 p.m., Communication Committee – GHI Lobby

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 13, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, May 14, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Bookids

Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m., Bookids for ages 8 to 12. Call the branch for details, 301-345-5800; TTY 301-808-2061.

For more Community Events see pages 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 16.

GHI Candidate Forum To Be Held May 15

Candidates for the GHI Board of Directors and Audit Committee will speak and take questions at a Candidates Forum on Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The forum will cablecast live on Comcast Channel 71 and Verizon Channel 21, replayed on the cable stations during the week and video-streamed live from the city’s website at www.greenbeltnmd.gov, with the video subsequently available on demand from the website. A phone number will be available to call in questions during the live cablecast. All candidates who have filed to run by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 11 are invited to participate.

Trees Leave to Play At New Deal Café

Alternative/Folk Duo Trees Leave will perform a set of their new Americana originals from their debut album “Run” at the New Deal Café on Saturday, May 9 at 9:30 p.m. The performance is part of a national tour to introduce the album to new fans and carry on the Folk/Grass revival of recent years. Trees Leave says it brings a rock and roll attitude to its mountain music upbringing. For more information, visit the New Deal Café’s website at www.newdealcafe.com.

Co-op Hosts Cooking Demo

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative will sponsor a cooking demo and sampling on Monday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chef Bill Scepansky will be at the Co-op as part of his company’s Seasonal Chef program that promotes consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and healthier diets. This month Chef Bill will highlight the bounty of the upcoming summer season with a ratatouille. Co-op wine consultant John Mealey will recommend a few wines to pair with this tasty summer dish. The demonstration is free and open to the public.

Musical at GAC To Help Homeless

A musical, “According to Us,” will be presented by A Company of Strangers at the Greenbelt Arts Center during the weekend of May 22-24. The pastor of a church has died, leaving the overgrown garden to three homeless people.

“According to Us” features all original music. Performances will be Friday, May 22 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 23 at 3 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 24 at 3 and 8 p.m. There is a fee with a portion donated to homeless ministries including Streetlights of Bethany. For more information call Charles Butler at 240-764-5748 or visit www.ecumenicon.org/organizations/a-company-of-strangers.

Explore Techniques To Reduce Stress

Explorations Unlimited will offer a presentation by Marian Tucker, an alternative healthcare practitioner who teaches basic stress reduction techniques, on Friday, May 15, at 1 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center.

Tucker will be teaching a SAGE class on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center from June 11 through September 17. The program May 15 will preview what this class will involve. For more information on Tucker’s work, visit www.calmforwellness.com.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Boxwood to Hold Annual Meeting

The Boxwood Civic Association (BCA) invites all to its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Greenbelt Police Station. The agenda includes discussion of neighborhood concerns and planning of BCA events. Refreshments will be served.

Monthly Movie Is “The Searchers”

The free monthly movie at the Greenbelt Senior Center on Monday, May 11 will be “The Searchers,” a classic John Ford Western starring John Wayne as a hard-hearted frontiersman who spends years doggedly seeking his niece, kidnapped by Indians. Many think that this mysterious, complex film is the best Western of all time. The movie will be shown in the Senior Lounge, Room 111, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. For questions call 301-397-2208.

Film on Environment, Faith Traditions

As part of the 5th annual Greenbelt Green Man Festival, the film “Renewal” (2008, 90 minutes) will be shown free at the Saturday Night Potluck, Film and Open Space Discussion on May 9 at 7:15 p.m. at Roosevelt Center. With examples from Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other faith traditions, this feature-length award-winning documentary by veteran filmmakers Marty Ostrow and Terry Kay Rockefeller tells stories of people whose passion and deep moral commitment are making a difference as they stand up for the environment.

Bring a simple dish or carry-out from a local restaurant. The film will be followed by a short “Open Space” discussion of how believers and non-believers can work together in this time of grave ecological threats.

The event is sponsored and facilitated by Adelphi Friends Quaker Earth Care Witness and the Reel and Meal at the New Deal.

For information go to www.greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org.

Greenbriar Community Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, May 16, 2009

9 AM – 2 PM

20 Vendors – Rain or Shine

Refreshments will be sold!

For more information please contact:

Tiesha Eley (301) 441-1096 #2

Teley.greenbriar@verizon.net

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Serving a Full Buffet From 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm

Reservations Accepted

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Seniors: \$6.50

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Week of May 8

FRI. - SAT.

Battle for Terra, PG

1:20, 3:25, 5:25

Fighting, PG-13

7:25, 9:45

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past, PG-13

11:30, 2:10, 10:20

Star Trek, PG-13 (!)

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X-Men Origins: Wolverine, PG-13 (!)

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The Soloist, PG-13 (!)

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Obsessed, PG-13

11:30, 2, 4:50, 7:30

MON. - THUR.

(All shows \$5 on Tuesdays)

Battle for Terra, PG

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Fighting, PG-13

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Ghosts of Girlfriends Past, PG-13

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Next Day Air, R (!)

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The Soloist, PG-13

2, 4:40, 7:20

Obsessed, PG-13

2, 4:50, 7:30

Obituaries

Nora M. Bosak



Nora Mullane Bosak, a resident of Greenbelt for the past 15 years, died suddenly on April 15, 2009, at the home she shared with Rick and Robin Bissell on Lakeside Drive. She had been a true fan of Greenbelt. She often walked to the town center and Greenbelt Lake. While she was able, she volunteered at the Greenbelt Library as late as 2004.

Mrs. Bosak was born Nora Anne Mullane on October 31, 1933, in Birmingham, Ala. She received her bachelors degree in mathematics in 1956 at Birmingham-Southern College. She graduated cum laude.

She and her husband Robert Bosak were pioneers in the computer industry. Mrs. Bosak began her career as a computer programmer/systems analyst in the late 1950s at System Development Corporation (SDC) in Santa Monica, Calif. She and her husband were important contributors to the country's defense in the 1960s, especially during the Cuban missile crisis under President John F. Kennedy when Nora's husband worked at the Pentagon while she was the highest level civil servant in the Navy at that time.

She continued to work in computers all her life, being employed by Verizon as a programmer as late as 2004. Her work was important in preparation for the Y2K change because she was one of the few practicing programmers able to work in Cobol, an old computer language on which much of business and financial computer systems were developed. This sort of knowledge was needed to modernize the old systems as they faced the turn of the century.

Mrs. Bosak was an accomplished bridge player who shared her knowledge of this challenging game with her stepchildren. Even in recent years, she remained avidly interested in reading and puzzle solving. She had a very sharp mind and was always willing to have lively discussions about current events. Instead of watching television, she read magazines, books, The Washington Post and the New York Times or she listened to National Public Radio. The Sudoku and crossword puzzles within the newspapers were her favorite pastimes.

Surviving relatives include sister Elizabeth (Libba) Ard of Birmingham, Ala., three stepchildren: Robin Bissell, M.D., of Greenbelt; Jon Bosak of Ithaca, N.Y.; and Diana Hiatt of Bartlesville, Okla.

Services will be held privately.

Bill Uber

The following obituary was written by Bill Uber's son Tim.

Bill Uber, 80, of Southway, died unexpectedly on Monday, May 4, 2009, after a brief illness. He leaves behind Stella, his wife of 60 years. He and Stella moved to Greenbelt in 2000 and found great enjoyment in their new home. He developed many friendships at the Community Center: playing pool, joining discussion groups, classes and senior lunches.

He was born in 1928 in Camden, N.J., and his family moved to the D.C. area where he grew up in the Chillum area. He married Stella Spzpakowski in 1949 and they raised four sons. William III married Eileen Fitzgerald; they gave him two grandsons: Geoffrey and Jeremy. David married Joyce Baldwin, bringing him two granddaughters: Jennifer and Crystal. Tim married Michelle Kadziel, giving him another grandson, Chase. Joe's first marriage to Lori Birchfield gave another granddaughter, Jennifer; marriage to his current wife, Anita Carte, brought along grandsons Joseph and David II.

Additionally Bill and Stella are blessed with five great-grandchildren: Austin, Cassidy, Kaidin, Terri and Madison. Bill derived great pleasure from his grand and great-grandchildren and was always comparing notes with a friend as to who had the most

and the best. If you counted his "adopted" grandchildren from 2-Court Southway – Rose, Mary and Patty, John and Frankie – he always came out on top!

His younger brother, Eddie, married Laura Link, of the early Greenbelt Link family. He was predeceased by his younger sister, Jeanette, as well as his parents William Edwin Uber, Sr. and Eleanor Hall Uber.

He graduated from Mount Rainier High School in 1946 and joined the National Guard, then served his country in the Army from 1950-52. After his military service he held a variety of jobs before obtaining his Insurance Broker's license and running his own insurance agency in the Beltsville/College Park area from the mid 1960s until he retired in 1993.

He was active in Civitan International, a charitable service organization focused on our mentally and physically handicapped community. He was also very active with – and was a charter member of CALMRA, Inc., a local nonprofit dedicated to providing homes for the mentally and physically handicapped.

He had a great penchant for history and was a long-time member of the Prince George's County Historical Society. He was instrumental in bringing the Society's Frederick S. DeMarr Library of County History

to Greenbelt, where it is now housed in the lower level of the Greenbelt Library.

He never did travel much, instead choosing to reap the bountiful harvest of beauty here in Maryland. When his family was young he took them camping in the mountains near Thurmont and Hancock. He loved Sunday drives, antique shops, nature, historic houses and an occasional roadside picnic and fishing. He always dreamed of owning his own antique shop but that never materialized. Family vacations were always two weeks in Au-


gust, in a rustic tin-roofed cabin on the Potomac near Colonial Beach, Va. Days were filled with fishing, crabbing, beachcombing and hunting for shark teeth. The boys always tried to see who could find more than their dad; they may have found more but Dad always found the biggest.

He truly loved his home and friends here in Old Greenbelt, his only regret being not having moved here sooner.


His family knows that many people will miss him and they

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Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church




3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

May 10, 10 a.m.
"Our Mother, The Earth"
by Phyllis Hubbell, co-minister with Marilyn Pearl, worship associate
Child Dedication Service
The Earth is our mother, we must take care of her.
She has given us much. It is our turn now.

Bahá'í Teachings: Who, and what, are the Manifestations of God?



The Manifestations of God are like perfect mirrors that reflect the light of God. All these mirrors reflect the same Light. While God is beyond our reach, these perfect beings come to us from time to time, live among us, give us guidance and fill us with the energy we need to progress, materially and spiritually. They are known by such names as Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Krishna, Zoroaster, Jesus Christ, Mohammad and Bahá'u'lláh.

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8:15 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service



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ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

Mishkan Torah Congregation



10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist

Greenbelt Baptist Church



101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org


Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

Greenbelt Community Church



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Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

Hope Fellowship

Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)

We want you to be a part of our celebration and worship!
301-474-4499

...living life together



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Post Office to Pick Up Food Donations

On Saturday, May 9 letter carriers will collect nonperishable food donations along their routes for delivery to the Capital Area Food Bank. The annual “Stamp Out Hunger” drive is conducted by the National Association of Letter Carriers. Those wishing to participate should place a food donation near their mailboxes on Saturday before the mail delivery.

Toastmasters Meet On Wed., May 13

The free sessions foster effective communication, and how to become a better listener. The next meeting of Toastmasters is on Wednesday, May 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 6905 Greenbelt Road. Learn to lead teams and conduct meetings. For more information call 301-906-0865.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111



St. George's Episcopal/ Anglican Church
7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org



St. George's Spring Yard Sale
The yard sale starts at 8 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. on
Saturday May 9, 2009,
rain or shine.
Please call for more information: 301-262-3285.

An inclusive congregation!



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- ACE Student Awards
- Legislative Wrap-Up – 22nd District Delegation
- Older Americans Month Proclamation

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16 “Public Safety Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions” of the Greenbelt City Code by Adding a New Section 16-4 “Emergency Call Boxes”

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- * 12. Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Report #2009-01 (24 Hour Trash Can Policy)
- *13. Resignation from Advisory Group

* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board,
For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.



PET EXPO

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH FROM 10AM-3PM
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER
15 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD 20770
RAIN OR SHINE

Prince George's County Rabies Clinic, Crunchies, Four Positive Paws, Greenbelt K-9 Demo, Beltway Emergency Hospital, GHI Companion Animal Committee, Donna's Herbs for Dogs, Peppers Pet Pantry, Inspired by Angels, Paw, Cara, Brood, Misfit Mutts, Mighty Healthy Pets, All Dogs Club, Terrapin Pet Sitter, P.G. Feral Friends, Noah's Wish, Ferret Rescue, Dalmatian Rescue, HSUS Wildlife Services, Dr. Sherry Siebel.

Children's Activities, Face Painting, Moon Bounce, Book Reading and more! Light Refreshments available.

COMPANION ANIMAL BEAUTY PAGEANT AT 1PM
CALL 301-474-6124 TO REGISTER

ALL SOCIAL PETS WELCOME

City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development 301-345-5417

CITY JOB OPENING
Bus Driver (Greenbelt Connection) – Two (2) Sundays per month, 9am-4pm; \$12-13.96/hr DOQ. Pick up/deliver passengers; assist loading/unloading of passengers & operate wheelchair lift; ability to operate buses/passenger vans; valid MD Driver's license w/good record. Position open until filled.

Apply: City of Greenbelt Personnel, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt; download application from website www.greenbeltnmd.gov or call job line 301-474-1872 to have one mailed. EOE.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
SPRING MINI-SESSION
MAY11-JUNE 5TH
Open Registration is now going on for this session until the classes fill. Children's swim lessons not offered during this session. Visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov. Download the Recreation Brochure for a list of classes.

DONATION DROP-OFF
American Rescue Workers
Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS
NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21
AND STREAMING LIVE
at www.greenbeltnmd.gov
MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, May 11 at 8pm: City Council Meeting “live” Tuesday and Thursday, May 12 & 14: 6pm “Ask the Expert” 6:30pm: “Spring Circus Camp” 7:30 pm: “Replay of Council”
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday-Call for Schedule

MEETINGS FOR MAY 11-15

Monday, May 11 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/ACE STUDENT AWARDS/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** at Municipal Building

Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30pm, **CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Green Ridge House** at the Green Ridge House.

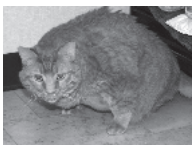
This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov.




3rd Annual Greenbelt Spring Dance Recital
SAFARI SUITES
Directed by: Samantha Fitschen
Saturday, May 16
7:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center
General admission is free for age 5 and younger, all other tickets: \$5
On sale now at Community Center, 301-397-2208

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

Pets of the Month
Congratulations to Boots, Jerry, & Bonkers on their adoptions!



Max: Super friendly 10 year old male tabby.
Rome: Friendly and handsome male cat.



Visit these pets on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.
For more information on any of these pets, call the Greenbelt Animal Shelter at 301.474.6124.



Greenbelt Pet Expo Beauty Pageant

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
1:00PM
Greenbelt Community Center

ALL SPECIES

ENJOY THE PET EXPO 10AM-3PM

FABULOUS PRIZES

- Coordinated Costume Contest: Dress like your pet!
- Talent Competition
- Question & Answers
- Pre-Register at 301-474-6124

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would like to extend their sincere thanks to everything that friends and neighbors did over the past years to make his life so much more fulfilling and vibrant. He was once quoted as saying “Greenbelt is such a perfect place that even the ducks use the crosswalk!” (This event was actually observed by him at the intersection of Southway and Crescent; and yes, motorists stopped and let them cross safely!)

He led a simple life, and it was Bill’s express desire that there would be no funeral or memorial service upon his death. His family is honoring this wish. At some time in the near future, the family plans to have a park bench and a tree dedicated to him. Expressions of sympathy may be considered by way of a contribution in his name to CALMRA, Inc. (Christian Assisted Living for Mentally Retarded Adults) or to the SPECIAL OLYMPICS, two causes very close to his heart.

CALMRA, Inc., 5052 Sunnyside Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705 (301-982-7177), Anne Arundel County Special Olympics, c/o Gregg Meade (410-923-0383) or their local Special Olympics chapter.

In Memoriam

Memories of Father O’Donnell

Msgr. William F. O’Donnell, a former pastor of St. Hugh’s church, died April 23, 2009, at the age of 87. An article in The Washington Post about his death bore the headline “War Hero, Lawyer Became Priest.”

It is true that Father O’Donnell, a native Washingtonian, born into a distinguished family of doctors and lawyers, was a hero. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, winning medals for bravery. He was educated at Gonzaga High School and Georgetown University and practiced law before becoming a priest. But when he came to Greenbelt in 1973 to be our pastor,

parishioners at St. Hugh’s knew little of all that. He was tall and handsome, wise and congenial. We knew he had received the honorary title of “Monsignor” but to the parishioners he was Father O’Donnell, or more often, just “Father.”

Father was pastor for almost a decade, from 1973 to 1982, at a time some might call the “glory days” of St. Hugh’s church and school. The school was bursting with children from families of the Lakewood and Boxwood communities. Some of those families had moved to the new developments precisely because of their proximity to the church and school. Some Sisters of the Holy Cross still remained as teachers but there were many lay teachers as well. Father and his assistant, Father Amey, had many activities for the young people; there were spiritual “retreats” and floats in the Labor Day Parade. It was a time of renewal in the church, of folk choirs and eager participation in the parish council.

Father O’Donnell was editor of the Catholic Standard, the weekly newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington, during the time he was pastor of St. Hugh’s. He handled that job and presided over the parish council with equal



aplomb. He also made himself part of the Greenbelt community, marching with the Clergy Association in the Labor Day parade, shopping at the Center, stopping for conversations with passers-by. Even after leaving St.

Hugh’s for other positions in the Archdiocese, he often came back to Greenbelt for a birthday party or a funeral of one of the parishioners who were now old friends or just to drop in at the rectory to say hello to Mrs. Fuchs, his secretary and fellow traveler on the trip a group from the parish made to Oberammergau in Germany in the early 1980s.

A few remnants of his military years popped up in Father O’Donnell’s sermons. Somehow he always worked in a military term or reference. My daughter Helen will never forget the date of D-Day, since her graduation from St. Hugh’s school occurred on that date, June 6. Even when Father did me the kindness of performing the funeral service for my non-Catholic father, I smiled at the reading he chose: something about “like a sentinel awaiting the dawn.” He was a good priest and a good man. We will not forget him.

– Kathleen McFarland

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positions. Nomination forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. May 11 in order to have a biography appear in the Greenbelt News Review. However, forms can be turned in as late as May 14 to be eligible to run. After May 11 these forms must be accompanied by a nomination petition signed by at least 10 members.

Voting

Those who decide to vote the night of the May 21 meeting can ask for a ballot when they are registering for the meeting or can obtain a ballot after the meeting.

A member who cannot attend the meeting can obtain a proxy and designate another member to vote for him/her. A member can vote for only one proxy. Proxy forms are available now and must be requested in writing. The forms must be returned and the proxy picked up by 5 p.m. May 14 at the GHI office

or from the board secretary, Ed James, 56-D Crescent Road by midnight May 16.

Members who have questions about election rules may refer to the bylaws rules or may call the Membership Services Office at 301-474-4161.

Absentee ballots must be requested in writing by Monday, May 18 for the following reasons: religious beliefs, physical condition or absence from the city on the day of election. They must be returned to the GHI office by 5 p.m. May 20.

Members will have an opportunity to learn more about the candidates at a candidates’ forum to be held Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The forum will also be broadcast on cable TV and via live streaming video.

Barbara Likowski also contributed to this story.

*You’re invited to join us
as we present
“Dining out to fight Arthritis”
at
Sir Walter Raleigh’s
(301) 474-3420
Tue., May 12
11:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
BRING friends, co-workers,
the family...the neighborhood!*

This is our final Dining Out event sponsored by the Prince George’s Co. WALK Committee (301) 335-7689 and PGArthritisComm@aol.com.

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS



Spring Gutter Cleaning
(All Buildings)

Uncle Skeeter’s Roofs & Gutters is scheduled to clean and inspect your gutters starting May, 18, 2009 weather permitting.

At that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

Please contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext.141 if you have any questions or comments.

These additional citizens of Greenbelt also support the community pledge of Greenbelt.

We support diversity in our community and diversity on our City Council.

Sheila Alpers
Nancy Boardman
Brian Butler
Camille Butler
Robert Candey

Gregory Carter
Rachel Carter
Marjory Donn
Melissa Ehrenreich
Joan Falcao

Amy Hansen
Michael Hartman
Stephen Holland
Steven Kane
Cam MacQueen

Marat Moore
Marjorie Owens
Lore Rosenthal
Joan Whelan
Clem Wilkerson
Diane Wilkerson

COMMUNITY PLEDGE

(adopted by the Greenbelt City Council on 9/24/01)

*The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation.
We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together.
By sharing together all are enriched.*

We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people.

Sponsored by Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance If you support this statement, please send an e-mail to GreenbeltNeighbors@gmail.com

Recycling Coordinator Robles Planning to Teach Others

by Miriam Pinheiro

Luisa Robles, recycling coordinator for Greenbelt, says she has loved nature since she can remember. “I always loved the feeling of being in touch with nature. I wanted to learn all about it and as I learned more, I realized the huge impact humans have on the environment.”



Luisa Robles

She decided that she wanted to help people become more aware and behave in a more environmentally friendly way. “Everything we do, even the way we produce meat, affects the ecosystem,” said Robles. “I want to help people make the right choices.”

She is a vegetarian and tries to eat only locally produced and organic food. She has neither a car nor air conditioning and walks, bikes, carools or takes public transportation.

She said her love for Greenbelt and her educational background make her uniquely qualified for the position of recycling coordinator. Robles has a bachelor’s degree in general biology from the National University of Mexico and a doctorate from the University of Maryland in environmental sciences, sustainable development and ecological economics.

Her duties include organizing recycling events and stream, lake and neighborhood cleanups. The city of Greenbelt also works with the Alice Ferguson Foundation

to do the Potomac River Watershed cleanups once a year. Robles also gives educational presentations on environmental topics, which include recycling, composting and energy efficiency.

Robles is proud of the city’s new Public Works build-

ing, which houses many environmental features such as geothermal heating and cooling, light sensors, low flow toilets and skylights and natural light to diminish electricity use. The facility also uses rain barrels and rain gardens to collect water and its carpet and tiles are made from recycled materials. On Earth Day, April 22, over 25 people showed up for a hands-on workshop on restoring a rain garden. A T-shirt design competition was won by two 7th grade Greenbelt Middle School students, Jennae Addison and Dja-zana Cameron.

Robles says that young people interested in environmental careers should get a good science background in biology, physics and math. They should also have a good understanding of people and how they act.

Greenbelt has two recycling facilities, Buddy Attick Park (entry below the parking area) and the East Greenbelt Recycling Center just off the end of Hanover Drive by the dog park.

Farmers Market To Open May 17

A larger Greenbelt Farmers Market with more variety, more chef demos and more children’s activities will open at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 17 on the west parking lot of Roosevelt Center. Nineteen local farms, orchards and other producers are participating this year and some will be at the market every Sunday (except Labor Day weekend) through November 22.

The weekly market will feature local produce, pasture-raised meats, sustainable seafood, soaps, herbal vinegars, ice cream, breads and baked goods, flowers, vegetable and herb bedding plants, honey, coffee and goat cheeses.

Artsy and educational activities will be woven into the Sunday market throughout the season including a children’s scavenger hunt, a Second Sunday Chef at the Market series and plenty of musical performances for both children and adults.

No parking will be allowed in the central parking spaces on the site from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday mornings to make room for the market. Parking will be available at the periphery of the lot and in the front and rear lots of the Center.

Middle School Has Women’s Day Monday

Greenbelt Middle School is celebrating Women’s Day on Monday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments and information are available in Room 102A. For further information email Silke Pope, parent liaison at Silke.pope@pgcps.org or call 301-513-5040.



Our sympathy to Stella Uber and family on the death of her husband, Bill Uber, on Monday, May 4.

Condolences to Rick and Robin Bissell of Lakeside on the death of her stepmother, Greenbelter Nora Mullane Bosak on April 15.

Congratulations to:

– Little Miss Greenbelt Kristen Beauchamp, who has now had her film debut, starring in a 7-minute horror film produced in Greenbelt with help from Greenbelt Access Television. Filmed to completion over the weekend, the film screened Wednesday at AFI Silver in Silver Spring. The movie may also be shown at Academy Stadium or the Utopia Film Festival and will show another familiar local face – Beltway Plaza Manager Kap Kapistan playing the role of a clergyman.

– Kudos to four ERHS students for an outstanding job in walking away April 25 with three awards in the Maryland History Day competition held at the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus. Katja Harper and Dan-ikquia Starks placed second in Senior Group Exhibits for their “Muhammad Yunus: Revolutionary Against Poverty” project; Jake Fletcher received a special prize in social history senior division for his research paper “Robert Gould Shaw: Paving the Way for African American Soldiers;” and David Phelps received the Lan-man Award for Oral History for his research paper on “George C. Marshall: Champion of Europe.” Way to go!



On Saturday, April 18 the Greenbelt Marriott Hotel was the venue for a gala 90th Birthday Tea in honor of longtime Greenbelt resident and Outstanding Citizen Mary Linstrom (pictured above). Mary’s son Chris captured the tone of the day in his remarks noting that their mother’s life can be marked by four F’s: Faith, Family, Friends and Free. The last meaning, for Mary, the best things in life are free!

– Kathleen McFarland



Looky Here, He’s So Cute. David in his Birthday Suit.

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5th Annual

Green Man Festival

Honoring Earth Through Music, Art and Science

May 8, 9 and 10th in Historic Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt

Come join us rain or shine for music, art, vendors, films, craft, environmental awareness, food and fun.

Music & Performance

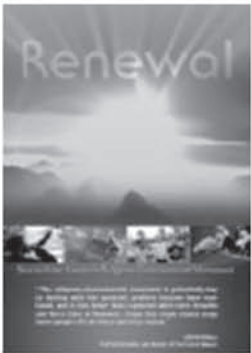


- 1:30pm Green Man Parade
- 1:00pm Melissa Sites (traditional folk music)
- 2:00pm BanjerDan
- 3:00pm Mike Elish
- 3:45pm The Peter Reppert Groove
- 4:30pm ilyAIMY
- 5:30pm KIVA (Celtic and Earth friendly songs)
- 7:00pm Festival Stage Closes

Sunday May 10

- 10:30am Greenbelt Drum Circle
- Noon Ceremony Honoring All Mothers
- 12:30pm Nancy Cassidy with Dayan Kai and Steve Uccello
- 1:30pm Mary Shapiro
- 2:00pm Raincrow
- 3:00pm Jack Couldn't Make It
- 4:00pm Windy Run
- 5:00pm Global Warming
- 6:30pm Closing Poem

Films



- 1:30-3:00pm Thirst.
- 4:00-5:30pm The Peaceable Kingdom: The Journey Home
- 6:30-7:15pm Family Potluck Bring a dish to share before the movie.
- 7:30-9:00pm Renewal

Sunday, May 10

- 11:00am-noon 2 shorts: People's Grocery. Trashed
- 2:00-3:30pm Ecological Design

Festival Environmental and Community Organizations

A Company of Strangers, Ancestral Knowledge, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Citizens to Restore Indian Creek, Friends of Still Creek, Global Consciousness Press, Inc., GreenAces, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, Greenbelt Homes Marketing Committee, Greenbelt Nursery School, Prince George's Peace and Justice, Utopia Film Festival

Saturday May 9

- 10:00am Opening Drums (Greenbelt Drum Circle)
- 11:45pm Green Man & Children's Nature Beings Parade
- 12:00pm Opening Ceremony Honoring the Earth, by Green Man
- 12:15pm Annual Green Man Awards

Friday Evening May 8

- 7:00-7:30pm Transition Towns

Saturday May 9

- 10:00-11:30am Ladies of the Land

Environmental activities & presentations as well as Children's activities throughout the weekend

Festival Vendors, BrigaBauble, Brite Catherine Madigan and Ellen Bretz Hour Glass Creations, Cloth Tie Dye, Colette Creations, Evelia Romero, Feywood, Gerstievisions, Hope Shakya, Jellybug Artworks, Kimmings Jewellery, L-Global, LB Elite, Lunaworks, M.Reed Designs/Creative Renaissance, Miscellaneous Oddiments, LLC, Mystic Water Soap, Pillows by Doug, Shiatsu for Health, The Enchanted Loft, The Fantasy Art of Ash Evans, LLC, US Wood Toys

The Green Man Festival is a project of the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), a non-profit organization dedicated to the health of all who share the Chesapeake watershed environment. For a schedule of all Festival events go to www.greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of May 3

	W-L		W-L
Indians	8-0	Yankees	3-4
Giants	5-2	Cardinals	3-5
Tigers	5-2	Athletics	2-6
		Orioles	0-7

Major League Schedule May 11 through 16

Date	Time	Games
Monday, May 11	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Tigers
Tuesday, May 12	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Orioles
Wednesday, May 13	6 p.m.	Yankees vs. Giants
Thursday, May 14	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cardinals
Friday, May 15	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Tigers
Saturday, May 16	10 a.m.	Yankees vs. Indians
Saturday, May 16	1 p.m.	Oriole vs. Athletics

All games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.

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Neighbors Alliance,” of which he is a member, “endorsed changing the election to even years and endorses all methods” that have been proposed.

Lange addressed concerns previously expressed by other citizens about “outside influences” being more likely to play a role in even-year elections by suggesting an agreement “not to campaign or share funds with partisan candidates.”

Alan Turnbull, a former member of council, said he was “pleased with the controversy” because it helps to “wake up a sleepy little system.” He recalled that he had suggested a variety of election reforms when he had been on council, including one that involved even-year elections.

He said however, that now that he was a voter again, he was “very leery of synching with the national elections” because it would “threaten the city’s independence.” He urged “very far reaching” campaign finance laws.

“Don’t just take a chance,” Turnbull urged, “protect Greenbelt’s independence.” He suggested that the city create laws that would allow only Greenbelt residents to make campaign contributions to municipal candidates.

Oppose Change

Barry Schlesinger noted he did not mind adding two members to council but said he was against moving the election date. This basic opinion was expressed by a majority of speakers. Like Turnbull, Schlesinger felt that city elections would be “lost” if synchronized with national and state elections.

Elizabeth Jay, the next speaker, said she was “also worried about conflicts of interest” if the date of the election were to be moved, especially for federal employees

who are subject to the Hatch Act which prohibits partisan affiliation. Jay argued for the expansion of council, however. She said, “Greenbelt had a population of 7,000 in 1950. That’s tripled but the size of council has not changed.”

Andy Carruthers also spoke against moving the date of the elections because they would become “more partisan and less local.” He argued further that the changes would be “irrevocable” once set in place. “This decision could have consequences for decades,” he said.

Lore Rosenthal noted that all of the plans proposed by the city, the NAACP and the ACLU involved increased voter education. She made note of the low turnout the previous night at Springhill Lake. She said if “using the News Review and greenbelters [listserv] doesn’t work, do not do more of the same. Do something different.”

Michael Hartman asked whether the proposed changes would go into effect prior to this year’s election. The mayor said that many of them would, though others would wait.

At the end of the meeting, Orleans came back to the mayor’s answer and asked, “How can these changes take effect between now and November?”

City Solicitor Robert Manzi answered that “council can pass a Charter Amendment.” He went on to explain that citizens could put the amendment up to a referendum by collecting signatures. If they get enough, the Charter Amendment would go to a vote. “If no one brings it to a referendum,” he said, “it becomes law.”

Neither the NAACP, the ACLU or FairVote sent representatives to either meeting. The final meeting would be the one

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Lange’s group had raised some good points and said council would consider them. The next public hearing on the budget will be on Tuesday, May 26.

Playful City USA

Greenbelt has been designated a 2008 Playful City USA for the second year by KABOOM!, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering play and supporting community-built playgrounds. In 2007 it was one of the charter communities to receive the first awards. Councilmember Leta Mach, who introduced the concept to the city, said the City of Takoma Park has made inquiries to Greenbelt about also becoming a Playful City USA. So far, Greenbelt is the only city in Maryland to receive the designation. She said every citizen in Greenbelt lives within walking distance of a playground. Mach said the award shows Greenbelt’s recognition of the importance of play, that play keeps the mind and body healthy and improves socialization, among other benefits.

Welcome Needs Replacing

Elizabeth Barber presented council with a petition signed by 62 people who agree that the Welcome to Greenbelt sign is in dire need of attention. She wondered if the sign had been painted since the days of Eleanor Roosevelt. It is difficult to read, she said, and falling apart. The petition asked that the sign be improved and that a bench and trash can be installed for use by people waiting for the bus on Southway. Davis agreed that the sign needs updating, as the current sign does not include all areas of Greenbelt. She called the current sign “spectacular” and felt it would be expensive to reproduce. A sponsor or a group willing to raise money for the sign would be helpful, Davis added. McLaughlin noted that the sign has been on council’s list of capital improvements for some time and now that the restrooms at Buddy Attick Park are in place, the sign could move to a higher priority. Its replacement might be possible within the next few years, he said.

During the update on renovations of Empirian Village, a representative of the owners indicated they would be willing to contribute toward new signage.

Peace Month

In 2001 the City of Greenbelt declared October as Peace Month, tying it in with celebrations of the birth date of Eleanor Roosevelt and United Nations Day. Since 2004 the scale of the celebration has been limited due to the retirement of a key organizer. In February, Bertram Donn of the Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition (PGPJC) requested that council change the celebration of peace from October to June in order to coordinate events with other communities that hold peace months in the spring and to reduce scheduling conflicts with preparations for the Labor Day Festival in the fall. He also asked that the name be changed to Peace and Diversity Month. At the February 23 meeting council agreed to refer the request to the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB).

At a meeting in early April

CRAB agreed to move the Peace Month celebration to June but asked that the city continue to acknowledge the previously connected significant dates in October. The committee had concerns that PGPJC lacked a strong vision or plan for the event. City staff agreed that a significant volunteer effort is needed for such an undertaking but acknowledged that the city has many other events that draw heavily on volunteer efforts. It was also noted that there is little time to prepare for the event this year.

CRAB did not make a recommendation about specifically including diversity as part of peace month and city staff did not recommend adding diversity to the event’s title. Members of CRAB and staff noted that Greenbelt has a number of diversity initiatives. While agreeing that living together peaceably does involve respect for a population’s diversity, staff thought diversity should be celebrated as part of all the city’s activities throughout the year, as indicated in the Community Pledge.

Marj Donn told council this year’s event may be limited in scale due to the late start in planning but they would do what they could and start planning earlier next year.

Emergency Call Boxes

Councilmember Rodney Roberts introduced for first reading an ordinance to make it a misdemeanor to use emergency

call boxes for non-emergency purposes. There are newly installed emergency call boxes near the Spellman Overpass and they have been used a number of times inappropriately. There are plans for eventually installing more of these boxes elsewhere in the city. The ordinance will come before council for second reading and adoption at council’s next meeting in May.

New COG Committee

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has created a new committee on Climate, Energy and Environment Policy. The new committee’s role is to serve as primary policy advisor on climate change, energy, green building, alternative fuels, solid waste and recycling issues. COG requested that the City of Greenbelt appoint a councilmember to serve on this committee. Council agreed that Davis be appointed with Mach being the alternate. Davis had served on the COG task force that led to the creation of the new committee.

Lordy, Lordy, Look
Who’s Forty?



Happy Birthday, David.

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A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 for further information.

Pet Expo to Be Held Saturday, May 9

The Greenbelt Pet Expo will take place in the Community Center on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be representatives from a variety of pet-related organizations and businesses as well as face painting, a moon bounce and other activities for children.

Light refreshments will be available. The free event, sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development, will take place rain or shine. All social pets are welcome to attend with their owners.

Free Women’s Health Week Offers at Curves

Curves of Greenbelt will participate in Women’s Health Week activities by offering free screenings and presentations the week of May 11 through 16. Events include blood pressure screenings, diabetes screenings, presentations on eye and ear health, dealing with abuse, chiropractic care and therapeutic massage. Open to members and non-members.

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http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

April 24, 10:44 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man was walking to a residence when he was approached by as many as five males who pushed him to the ground and punched and kicked him several times while demanding money. After getting no money the suspects fled the scene on foot.

April 28, 10:02 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, two men approached a person; one struck him with an unknown object. After taking his cell phone both men fled the scene. The suspects are described as two black males, both 6' with medium builds and black hair, wearing blue jackets; one was also wearing a head scarf.

April 29, 6:23 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a person was approached by two men, one of whom punched him while demanding money. When the victim stated that he had no money, both men fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as two black males, both 18 to 20 years of age, 6', 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. One was wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and New Balance shoes; the other was chubby and was wearing a blue coat and blue jeans.

April 29, 11:03 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a person was approached by two men who displayed handguns and announced a robbery. After obtaining money and car keys both suspects assaulted the victim and then fled the scene on foot. The victim declined medical treatment for minor injuries. The suspects are described as a black male, 22 to 25 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10", 170 to 185 pounds with black hair, wearing a black shirt; and a black male 21 to 24 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10", 170 to 185 pounds, with black hair, wearing dark clothing and a face mask.

Assault

April 28, 9:27 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a group of four to five people approached a man; one punched him in the face for no apparent reason. All suspects then fled the scene; the man declined treatment for minor injuries. One suspect is de-

scribed as a black male, 18 to 20 years old, 5'10" with a thin build, wearing a dark T-shirt and blue jeans.

Drug Arrests

April 24, 10:52 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, two resident youths were arrested for possession of marijuana and theft. Both youths were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Disorderly Conduct

April 28, 10:17 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a resident youth was arrested for disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order and obstruction. He was released to his parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Theft

April 27, 10:24 a.m., Greenbelt Youth Center, an iPod, a digital camera, money and credit cards were taken from a purse at the center.

Trespass

April 30, 10:13 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident man was arrested for trespass and released on citation pending trial.

Disturbing the Peace

April 24, 4:52 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested for disturbing the peace and released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

April 26, 12:09 a.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the sliding glass door of a residence.

April 29, 4:47 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

Burglaries

April 22, 3:13 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a man reported that he was in his apartment when he observed someone attempting to enter his residence by coming through the ceiling. The suspect went back into the attic area and then fled the scene.

April 28, 9:58 p.m., 200 block Lastner Lane, a man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with fourth-degree burglary and

Sobriety Checkpoint In Greenbelt May 8

On Friday, May 8 between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m., the Greenbelt Police Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint here as part of the regional Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign.

Checkpoint Strikeforce is a six-month, intensive enforcement effort sponsored by the National Highway Administration to deter, identify and arrest alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers.

trespass. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were stolen: a burgundy 1995 Ford Mustang, Maryland tags 8EYH52 from the 20 Court Ridge Road; and a gold 2004 Lexus RX330, D.C. tags DB0247 from the 6400 block Ivy Lane.

Two vehicles were recovered by Prince George's police with no arrests made.

Reported vandalism to vehicles occurred at Edmonston Court and Breezewood Terrace (four slashed tires), 6400 block Ivy Lane (broken passenger side window) and 8100 block Mandan Road (two cars spray painted).

Theft from vehicles was reported in the following areas: 6400 block Ivy Lane (two incidents, GPS, jumper cables, backpack, iPod and musical equipment); 500 block Crescent Road (purse); 7600 block Hanover Parkway (two GPS units, two wallets, cell phone, stereo equipment, money); 7600 block Greenbelt Road (car radio); 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (both tags); 6200 block Springhill Drive (rear tag); and 6200 block Springhill Court (car stereo, hand tools). An attempted theft was reported at 7600 block Mandan Road.

ACE Student Awards Presented on Monday

On Monday, May 11 Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will present awards to outstanding students from area schools.

There will be a reception starting at 7:30 p.m. in city council chambers in the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. At 8 p.m., as the first order of business for the council meeting, the year's Student Awards will be presented with awards and certificates from ACE, the City Council, County Council, Board of Education, Maryland House of Delegates and Maryland Senate.

Based on nominations from the schools' staff, ACE selects two outstanding students each year from each of the seven ACE core schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, St. Hugh's School, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The high school students will receive college scholarships as well as the certificates and other awards. There will also be presentation of a college scholarship by Maryland State Delegate Anne Healey to one additional ERHS student.

The reception and awards ceremony are open to the public.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The first Open House meeting at the Golden Age Club was a real success. Refreshments were served and we greeted 10 guests. Information was exchanged and lots of socializing and visiting took place. We hope to have more Open House programs. The Club would like everyone to know we are here in Greenbelt and have lots of activities and trips and we're always happy to greet new members.

There will be a Memorial Service for Pearl Siegel on May 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Center.

We were saddened by the deaths of Pat Cantwell and Jim Williamson. We send condolences to their families.

I like the saying, "You're only too old because you think you're too old." So get off that couch and come out to Golden Age Club on Wednesday.

"A Thru Jazz" Readings, Music

On Wednesday, May 13 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., three Greenbelt authors – Peggy Rooney, Marjorie Gray and Marjory Maxwell Donn – will read from and sign their recently published books at the New Deal Café. Following each reading, jazz guitarist Greg Engler will perform while listeners enjoy their meals and beverages.

Authors' books available for purchase will be "The Ant Hills" and "In Search of the Songbird" by Peggy Rooney; "Mulled Words: A Word a Week from God's Word" by Marjorie Gray; and "2016: A Novel of America and the World" (with discussion guide) by Marj Donn. Think of it as a belated Mother's Day celebration in honor of these three Greenbelt grandmothers whose books are their creative progeny.

Two Roosevelt H.S. Concerts in May

Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools has two concerts at the school in May. The All Orchestras Concert on Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m., will feature the Roosevelt Strings, the Concert Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra, all directed by Dr. David Yarbrough. Students in the orchestra and band programs are from across northern Prince George's County.

An All Bands Concert on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. will feature Concert Bands I & II, the Symphonic Band, the Wind Ensemble and, as a special biannual feature, the Alumni Band composed of ERHS graduates, all under the direction of Sally Wagner. All concerts at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, located at 7601 Hanover Parkway are free and open to the public. For more information call 301-513-5400.

Career Day at GMS

Thursday, May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will be Career Day at Greenbelt Middle School.

School faculty and staff are still seeking people with interesting careers to come talk to students and have lined up parents, adult siblings, local church members and service professionals to talk about their jobs. The goal is to give middle school students career goals and ideas that are realistic and attainable. A continental breakfast and lunch are included.

To volunteer or for more information call Portia Moore or Parent Liaison Silke Pope at the school (301-513-5040) or email silke.pope@pgcps.org.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.



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May Artful Afternoon Showcased Local Schools Concert

by Anne Gardner

The first Greenbelt Schools Music Festival played to a packed audience on Sunday afternoon, May 3, at the Greenbelt Community Center. The event, coordinated by David Whiteman and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), was presented in conjunction with the City of Greenbelt Recreation Department at its monthly Artful Afternoon. After the concert Whiteman expressed the hope that this would become an annual event.

Community members and band members who arrived early first had the opportunity to make beautiful fabric flowers with artist-in-residence Celestine Ranney-Howes. Flower petals could be stitched or glued together to make decorative pins or hair clips. After the art activity many community members, as well as parents from the Greenbelt

schools, filled the gymnasium for the concert.

The first part of the program featured the Springhill Lake Elementary School band and the Greenbelt Elementary School band, playing in a combined ensemble directed by Ryan Richardson from Springhill Lake Elementary and Darelynn Fung from Greenbelt Elementary. The two bands blended seamlessly in their rendition of "Majestic March" by Paul Lavendar and three pieces by Michael Sweeney.

Two smaller groups from the two elementary schools also performed. A clarinet duet from Springhill Lake featured Michael Addy with band director Richardson standing in for a student who was absent; and a group from Greenbelt Elementary consisted of Leila Dawson on flute,



Marissa Rhodes, Leila Dawson, Eric Johnson and Christopher Sherman from Greenbelt Elementary School.

PHOTOS BY JON GARDNER



The Greenbelt Middle School jazz ensemble, with director Lawrence Farmer.

Eric Johnson and Christopher Sherman on alto saxophone and Marissa Rhodes on trombone.

The final part of the concert was a lively performance by the Greenbelt Middle School Jazz Ensemble, directed by Lawrence Farmer. They gave a very enjoyable rendition of "Georgia on My Mind" by Hoagy Carmichael and "Mood Indigo" by Duke Ellington.

ACE serves as a liaison between the city and the community's schools – Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic School, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The committee aims to address local educational issues and promote high quality education for Greenbelt residents.

Artful Afternoons take place

on the first Sunday of every month at the Greenbelt Community Center and involve free hands-on art activities, performances, exhibitions and tours of the artist-in-residence studios.

Final Day Now Set For School Year

To adjust for the two days when schools and offices were closed for inclement weather this year, the last day of school for students in Prince George's County public schools now will be Thursday, June 18 and the last day for teachers will be Friday, June 19.

Teachers will work one extra day, with a contracted day being waived so teachers do not have to report for work on Monday, June 22. If schools have to be closed again for weather or other emergencies this school year, additional make-up days may be required.

Afternoon Aviators

Join in after school aviation-themed activities the second Tuesday of every month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum. On May 12 the program is on making kites.



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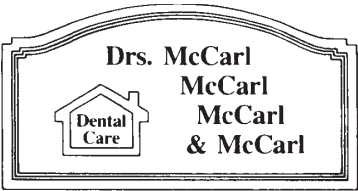


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Seventh graders have fun showing many levels of creativity in the door painting workshop.

Art Workshops Open Doors for Students

by Chrissy Chiddo

Despite the rainy weather on the morning of Monday, May 4 the seventh grade class of St. Hugh's was excited to take another field trip to the Greenbelt Community Center to participate in two visual art workshops offered by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Artist Eli Halpin offered the students an innovative opportunity to paint recycled door panels for display at the GHI Home and Garden Tour in June. These painted door panels will be used as markers for the houses in the tour. After the students discovered Halpin's signature tree paintings in the Art Gallery (on display until June 12), they were quickly inspired to do some painting of their own. The studio space allowed the students much freedom to move around to various doors and add their own tree paintings. Collaborating with other students was a great way for them to utilize each other's artistic strengths. The workshop taught them team work and most importantly that there are no mistakes in art but only opportunities to stretch their imagination.

The other workshop was led by a Greenbelt local and fellow St. Hugh's parent, Sarah Garcia, who challenged the students to think three-dimensionally by creating kinetic mobiles inspired by American sculptor Alexander Calder. After learning about Calder's desire that his sculptures interact with the environment, the students thought about how they could use color, line and shape in their own mobile. Garcia showed students how to manipulate wire into interesting shapes and use foam, etching foil, metal and thin wires to design their own imaginative mobile.

The workshop instructors and Anne Gardner were instrumental in providing another wonderful day of hands-on expression at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Chrissy Chiddo is an art teacher St. Hugh's School.



(Left to right) Hannah Cetuk, Tiffany Johannes, Elizabeth Bailey and Isabel Garcia team up to paint their door panel.



(Back to front) Amelia Benson, Simone Fields and Arianne Goolsby focus diligently on painting their tree.

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Edward Putens said that besides lower costs, it would receive twice-weekly service.

Mayor Judith Davis asked staff to look into the possibility of an ordinance to require all housing units in Greenbelt to recycle. Currently, most apartments do not recycle.

New rolling carts for recyclables have been provided to some homes in Boxwood Village. More carts will be provided to other areas as funds become available.

Roosevelt Center

Davis asked if there were any signs of the presence of rats, a recurring problem at the pedestrian mall area. Lesley Riddle, superintendent of parks and playgrounds thought the situation was pretty much under control since the city brought in an exterminator and eliminated some of the animals' shelter areas. Covers have been placed upon all refuse containers. However, with warmer weather, there will be more food scraps left by persons using the mall.

Riddle is working with a Girl Scout troop on restoring the Veteran's Memorial gardens. The Greenbelt American Legion is providing funds. The work is to be completed by Memorial Day.

Davis asked if the speaker's stand could be changed so that the speakers' backs were not turned to most of the persons in attendance during the Memorial Day ceremonies.

Personnel

Public Works is the only city department in which increased staffing is proposed. Due to fiscal restraints other departmental budgets provide for the same or less personnel. The increase, 1.25 persons is primarily due to the need for another cleaning person to take care of the new Public Works building and the new restrooms in adjacent Buddy Attick Park. A part-time office associate is also proposed to increase to fulltime.

A personnel classification study is nearing completion and McLaughlin indicated that he could propose including the changes recommended in the final adoption of the budget.

Parks

Photos were shown of the beginning of preparatory work for the new restroom facility. The city will do site grading and install footings for the building. The rains have delayed the work. Hall said the new building would be completed for Independence Day if it stops raining.

Streets

Planned street resurfacing and curb and sidewalk replacement take into consideration the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) plans to replace water lines in parts of the city. Using Capital Project funds the city plans to resurface Greenway Center Drive, Hedgewood Drive from Lastner Lane to White Birch Court, 9 Court Research Road from Ridge Road and Gardenway from Crescent Road to Ridge Road.

Davis took exception to an article she saw in which the City of Annapolis boasted of having the highest percentage of tree cover in the state. Davis said that Greenbelt's 62 percent coverage was much higher.

Riddle said that a street canopy assessment study was underway. The Bradford Pear trees are in decline, she said, and other trees are too large for their space. In Greenbelt East there is a soil

nutrient deficiency. WSSC construction will cause other trees to be removed. She noted that the city is considering planting Hedge Maples under wires as they remain a small tree.

New Building

Before the worksession began council was shown the mechanical room for the building's new geothermal heating and cooling system. It consists of pumps that circulate water underground to be heated or cooled to a 65-degree temperature. It is then run through heat exchange units which either transfer heat to the building's air-circulation system to heat the building or remove heat from the circulating air into the water. This system is expected to reduce energy costs. Hall says they will try to compute the savings but noted that the new plant heats and air-conditions a much larger building.

Davis asked Hall to list all the energy saving features of the new building to put on the city's website and elsewhere. Hall noted that in construction the city was able to recycle 70.6 percent of the demolished building material removed from the site.

Traffic Safety

A crosswalk study is being done in Greenbelt East. The city is replacing burned out traffic light bulbs with energy saving LED bulbs.

Municipal Building

Public Works plans to enlarge the water line to the building in order to provide better supply for the emergency sprinkler system. Light fixtures are to be replaced with ones more energy efficient. The emergency generator is scheduled for replacement.

City Notes

Facilities Maintenance repaired several tennis court lights along Braden Field.

Recreation reports the Youth Soccer League and the "Shorty Sports" soccer programs continue. Both programs are filled to capacity; there are 40 children for the 4- to 5-year-olds and 20 for the 3-year-old program.

The Greenbelt Tennis Association kicked off the 2009 tennis season with its membership social on Saturday, May 2 at Braden Field tennis courts.

The skatepark continues to get heavy use. There are now 940 registered users, 204 of which are residents of Greenbelt.

CARES reports the Strengthening Families Program held its graduation in April with eight families graduating from the program. Councilmember Leta Mach attended the ceremony and distributed graduation certificates to the parents and children.

Md. Offers Tollfree Swine Flu Hotline

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) has opened a statewide tollfree information line to answer questions residents may have about the swine flu outbreak. The number is 1-877-MDFLU4U (633-5848).

Service will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. DHMH will also accept swine flu questions by email at swineflu@dhmh.state.md.us.

WSSC Azalea Garden To Peak Mother's Day

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) Brighton Dam Azalea Garden in Brookeville is renowned for its spring beauty. Five acres of more than 20,000 azaleas are expected to be in full bloom in time for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10. After touring the garden, visitors can relax on the Triadelphia Reservoir picnic grounds. A play area for children also is available.

The garden at 2 Brighton Dam Road is free and open to the public daily from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, elderly or disabled visitors are welcome to drive through the garden during those hours. For more information call Brighton Dam at 301-774-9124.

M-NCPPC Launches Three New Websites

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has unveiled several new websites. Users may visit one or all three of the linked websites to access information on services and programs provided by the agency and by the Prince George's County Planning Department and county Department of Parks and Recreation.

The sites are www.mncppc.org for job opportunities and agency news; www.mncppc.org/pgco to find out about capital improvements planned for neighborhoods; and www.pgpc.com to register for recreation classes and activities or find things to do and places to go. Additional features and information will continue to be added.

For further information email webteam@mncppc.org or call 301-699-CALL (2255).

PGCPS Summer 4-Day Workweek

The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will conduct a pilot summer four day workweek program that will run from June 22 to August 14. Schools and offices will be open Monday through Thursday with extended hours to give students, parents and employees more flexible hours during the summer months. The core business hours will be 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The school board expects that closing school facilities and office buildings for a three-day period will provide a significant cost-savings during difficult economic times.

Information on the change is available at www.pgcps.org and letters were sent to PTA presidents, parent liaisons and principals to be sent home with students.

C.P. Farmers Market Celebrates 30th Year

The College Park Farmer's Market opened last week for its 30th season, continuing efforts to bring local, farm-fresh food into the area. The market is open every Saturday, May through November from 7 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of the Ellen Linson Swimming Pool, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park.

The market is served by local vendors from Miller Farm, Thanksgiving Farm, Uptown Baker's, Zeke's Coffee and several independent vendors providing fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, cut flowers, herbs, baked goods, pottery and coffee and tea.

For community members the benefits of shopping at the market are numerous. Eating local food has been shown to be fresher and more affordable than food at supermarkets and supports local farmers and the local economy. Community members gather and talk with the local farmers, lingering through the small market to enjoy Saturday mornings.

NARFE May Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1122 will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. Call City Hall for directions at 301-459-6100. This month's speaker will be Evan Winik, financial advisor, of Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management.

Parents to Learn To Use SchoolMax

The Prince George's County Public Schools' (PGCPS) Student Information System has a Family Portal module, SchoolMax, that allows parents and legal guardians 24-hour online access to information about their children's progress in school. The Family Portal covers attendance, grades, schedules, report cards and discipline incidents. It also permits parents to update their contact information.

The remaining information session for elementary and middle school parents and guardians will be held on Thursday, May 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Charles Carroll Middle School, 6130 Lamont Drive in New Carrollton. Session participants will receive their Parent Access Key (if they do not already have one), see a detailed presentation on the use of SchoolMax and be given an opportunity to log in to the system and view their child's information.

Child Health Needs Grants Offered

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation (UHCCF) is currently accepting grant applications from families in need of financial support for child health care treatment, services or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their health insurance benefit plans. Qualified families may apply for grants of up to \$5,000 for child medical services and equipment such as speech, physical or occupational therapy, prescriptions, wheelchairs, orthotics and hearing aids. More than 600 children benefited from the fund in 2008, and applications for 2009 are now being accepted on a rolling basis.

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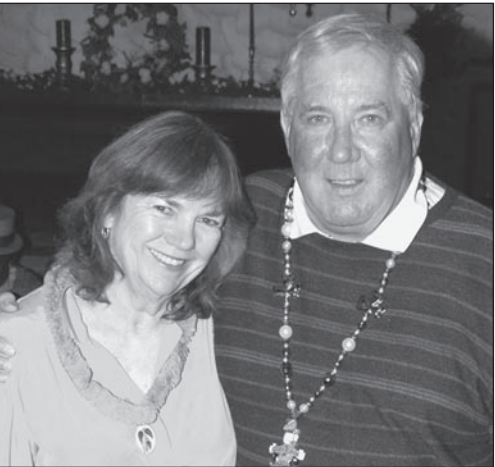
by Carol Griffith

Owning an award-winning restaurant and being very involved in charitable and community events seems to be second nature for Gerald “Jerry” Cosker, owner of Sir Walter Raleigh Inn on Greenbelt Road. This has proved to be an unexpected and rewarding career change for the former math teacher from Connecticut.

Cosker came to the Washington area intending to stay for one year in order to attend graduate school. He took a part-time job as a waiter at one of the Sir Walter Raleigh Inns located then in Bethesda and found he enjoyed the restaurant business. After rising to become director of purchasing, then a partner in the venture, he bought the College Park location in 2005, a restaurant that had been popular since it was built in 1970.

The Sir Walter Raleigh Inn became, and remains, a family operation. Cosker’s three children have worked there and his wife Ronnie assists Cosker with greeting customers. Employee Charlie Relyea has been employed at the inn since 1971 and his two sons have worked at the restaurant as well. Two cooks, Sara and Maria, have each worked for the restaurant for 28 years and, on the menu, their most popular dishes bear the cooks’ names.

Cosker has maintained the signature dishes and ways of preparing them for which Sir Walter Raleigh Inn has become renowned. Steaks are still cut by hand on the premises and the prime rib is still slow roasted in a coil oven, as it has since the restaurant opened. Cosker does not charge for use of the party rooms and has expanded the catering and banquet menus.



Owners Ronnie and Jerry Cosker

He has instituted various specials to attract the budget-conscious and for holidays, including the upcoming Mothers’ and Fathers’ Days, which will be celebrated with festive buffet meals.

Community Table

After noticing that many elderly people come to Sir Walter Raleigh Inn and eat alone, Cosker instituted a “Community Round Table.” Every Tuesday from noon to 3 p.m. customers may sit at a communal table to enjoy socializing with others and to eat from a buffet for a reasonable price.

His efforts and refusal to compromise quality have not gone unnoticed; the restaurant was awarded a prestigious honor by the Maryland Hospitality Hall of Fame in 2002 for being considered the best family steak house.

Sir Walter Raleigh Inn is the host to many University of Maryland Alumni Association events and provides meals to members of the college’s sports teams. Cosker’s dedication to the university is evident in the Terrapin Room. The large dining room is decorated with flags, pennants and other items of Maryland sports memorabilia.

Cosker, a member of the Rotary Club of College Park, hosts all the club’s meetings at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn. The club is very active with over 90 percent of its members having reached the highest level of individual charitable contributions.

With a motto of “Service Above Self,” the Rotary Clubs are groups of community and business people who have the goal of raising money for charities, both international and local. Global initiatives of the Rotary Clubs have included assisting communities to build small filtration plants to provide clean water and assisting victims of land mines by providing limb prostheses. For 2009 the clubs’ international goal is to eradicate polio.

The Sir Walter Raleigh Inn has hosted the very successful Rotary Club of College Park’s Annual Lobster Feast and Silent Auction for the past three years. All proceeds are used for local charitable activities, including annual college scholarships

for local high school students. In 2008 the money raised funded the addition of a full beauty salon at St. Ann’s Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville.

The Sir Walter Raleigh Inn is sponsoring two days of Dining Out to Fight Arthritis, in which a portion of the day’s proceeds are donated both locally and nationally to causes dedicated to fighting arthritis.

Cosker says that occasionally customers tell him that the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn is the area’s “best kept secret.” The statement disappoints him, he says – he wants everyone in the area to know that he’s here to support the community and to continue the tradition of hosting family celebrations through more generations.

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At the forum, you’ll not only hear the candidates talk about their qualifications and positions, but you’ll have the chance to ask them questions about the issues that concern you most about GHI. Decide whom you want to vote for in preparation for the annual membership meeting and election on Thursday, May 21.

Mark your calendar to attend the May 21 Annual Meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Come early to avoid check-in lines! Voting will begin after the meeting recesses and continue from 7-10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22, at the GHI offices.